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FROM GENERAL HAIG
TO AMBASSADOR BUNKER AMEMBASSY SAIGON
EXCLUSIVELY EYES ONLY FOR THE AMBASSADOR

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE
INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

REFERENCE: WHS0011

THE PRESIDENT APPROVED TODAY THE REINSTITUTION OF
BORDER OPERATIONS BY ARVN FORCES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING
PARAMETERS:

1. THAT THEY BE CONDUCTED AT A LEVEL NOT TO EXCEED
THOSE WHICH WERE CARRIED OUT PRIOR TO THE TEMPORARY MO
MORATORIUM OF LAST WEEKEND.

2. THAT THEY BE EXECUTED ONLY AFTER APPROPRIATE COORDINATION
WITH THE CAMBODIAN ARMED FORCES (FAR).

THIS DECISION IS BEING TRANSMITTED SEPARATELY TO ADMIRAL
MCCAIN AND GENERAL ABRAMS BY SEPARATE MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY
LAIRD. NO OTHER U.S. DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY HAS BEEN INFORMED
OF THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION. SECRETARY LAIRD HAS INFORMED
GENERAL ABRAMS THAT YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION
BY THE WHITE HOUSE AND I ANTICIPATE THAT GENERAL ABRAMS
WILL BE DISCUSSING THE SITUATION WITH YOU IN THE IMMEDIATE
FUTURE. IN EITHER EVENT, YOU WILL PROBABLY WISH TO RAISE
THE PROJECT WITH GENERAL ABRAMS SO AS TO ARRIVE AT A COORDINATED
APPROACH TO THIEU AND THE ARVN IN THE LIGHT OF THE MARCH 27
MORATORIUM.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NO MENTION OF THE PRESIDENT'S
DECISION BE MADE IN ANY OFFICIAL TRAFFIC TO THE DEPARTMENT
AND THAT YOU UTILIZE GENERAL ABRAMS' CHANNEL TO SECRETARY
LAIRD OR THIS CHANNEL TO DR. KISSINGER FOR FUTURE COMMUNICATIONS
ON THIS SUBJECT. IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT THIEU AND
THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE
OF KEEPING THIS DECISION CLOSELY HELD AND TO KEEP THE
ARVN "OUT IN FRONT" IN THE EVENT ARVN OPERATIONS SURFACE.
IN THIS EVENT THEY SHOULD BE TREATED AS UNILATERAL ARVN
OPERATIONS TAKEN UNDER PROTECTIVE REACTION CRITERIA.